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SUBJECT: ELECTION SUMMARY

1. SUMMARY. THE RECOUNT IN EAST JAVA ADDED ABOUT 1.2 MILLION NEW VOTES BUT DIDN'T MATERIALLY CHANGE THE OVER-ALL VOTE SPLIT. WITH VIRTUALLY ALL VOTES NOW COUNTED, GOLKAR HAS 62.08 PERCENT, PPP 29.31 PERCENT AND PDI 8.61 PERCENT. AN OFFICIAL PPP REQUEST FOR A RECOUNT IN CENTRAL JAVA AND A REVOTE IN SOUTH SULAWESI AND KERINCI DISTRICT, JAMBI, HAS BEEN DENIED, BUT PPP THUS FAR APPEARS NOT TO BE MAKING MUCH OR AN ISSUE OF THE DENIAL. END SUMMARY.

2. AS A RESULT OF THE GOVERNMENT-ORDERED RECOUNT IN EAST JAVA, ABOUT 1.2 MILLION VOTES ORIGINALLY DECLARED INVALID HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED, PUSHING THE LEVEL OF LEGAL VOTER PARTICIPATION IN THE PROVINCE TO ABOUT 92 PERCENT OF THOSE REGISTERED, THE HIGHEST IN JAVA. DESPITE THE LARGE NUMBER OF NEWLY-VALID BALLOTS, THE VOTE SPLIT IN EAST JAVA DIDN'T CHANGE MUCH. THE GOLKAR PERCENTAGE IN THE PROVINCE FELL LESS THAN 2 PERCENT, TO 58.8 PERCENT, WHILE THE PPP PERCENTAGE WENT UP ABOUT THE SAME AMOUNT, TO ABOUT
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36.0 PERCENT. NATIONWIDE, THE GOLKAR PERCENTAGE SLIPPED ONLY SEVERAL HUNDRETHS OF A PERCENTAGE POINT. CURRENTLY, WITH VIRTUALLY ALL VOTES COUNTED BY "OFFICIAL" RESULTS STILL TWO WEEKS AWAY, GOLKAR HAS 39.6 MILLION VOTES (62.08 PERCENT), PPP 18.7 MILLION (29.31 PERCENT) AND PDI 5.5 MILLION (8.61 PERCENT).

3. PPP'S OFFICIAL REQUEST FOR A RECOUNT IN CENTRAL JAVA (WHERE LARGE NUMBERS OF BALLOTS WERE DECLARED INVALID, AS IN THE ORIGINAL EAST JAVA COUNT) AND REVOTES IN SOUTH SULAWESI AND KERINCI DISTRICT, JAMBI (WHERE MAJOR VOTING IRREGULARITIES WERE ALLEGED), HAVE BEEN TURNED DOWN BY THE ELECTION INSTITUTE. INTERIOR MINISTER AMIRMACHMUD, IN ANNOUNCING THE DECISION, SAID OFFICIAL REPORTS FROM THESE AREAS DID NOT SUPPORT CHARGES OF MAJOR IRREGULARITIES AND NOTED THAT PPP LOCAL OFFICIALS IN EACH PLACE HAD SIGNED THE VOTING REPORT FORMS. PPP NATIONAL OFFICERS IN JAKARTA, THOUGH EXPRESSING THEIR DISAPPOINTMENT AT AMIRMACHMUD'S DECISION, HAVE NOT COMMENTED FURTHER.

4. COMMENT. THE PPP, HAVING PLAYED ITS BEST CARD IN EAST JAVA AND GOTTEN LITTLE FOR IT, APPEARS NOT TO BE MAKING MUCH OF AN ISSUE OF THE REMAINING ALLEGATIONS OF IRREGULARITIES. THE VIRTUALLY COMPLETE RESULTS NOTED ABOVE, THEREFORE, THOUGH UNOFFICIAL, CAN BE TAKEN FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES AS FINAL.
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